



Seattle Design Commission

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Honorable Greg Nickels and Seattle City Council:

We would like to inform you of the Design Commission's endorsement for the Central Waterfront Concept Plan. The plan incorporates the differing views of multiple stakeholders and provides a comprehensive framework to design and build a waterfront worthy of our beautiful city and state.

The Commission has the following comments and recommendations:

- We restate our strong support for the tunnel option. It represents the singular opportunity to transform our waterfront.
- We reaffirm our longstanding position last stated in our letter of August 17, 2005 that DPD play a lead role in the planning process of the entire waterfront through the creation of a centralized management authority. DPD should continue to be in charge of the Public Realm-Concept Plan portion of an overall major effort to consolidate the Viaduct-Seawall-Waterfront projects.
- We strongly support the proposal that all projects west of Alaskan Way should fall under the purview of the Design Commission to ensure consistent design review of projects on the waterfront.

This is a rare opportunity for Seattle to remake its waterfront. To demonstrate our strong support for the Central Waterfront Concept Plan, the members of the Design Commission pledge our time, energy and expertise to the implementation of this vision.

Sincerely,

David Spiker
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Attachment: Design Commission letter of August 17, 2005

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